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To: Dr.J.David.Haddox@pharma.com[Dr.J.David.Haddox@pharma.com]
From: Russell Portenoy MD
Sent: Fri 12/3/1999 7:06:46 AM
Subject: RE: The Clock is ticking, ticking, ticking -Reply -Reply

Dave,

And thank you for your kind words. Very much appreciated, believe me. I do hope that we can do some good things together.

Russ

>>> "Haddox, Dr. J. David" <Dr.J.David.Haddox@pharma.com> 12/02/99 09:52am >>>
Russ,

Thanks so much for the kind words about my impromptu participation in your educational program on Tuesday. It is always a pleasure and an honor to be at the podium with you.

While I am sorry that your schedule will not allow you to take the ABPM board examination in February, I am delighted that you have seen the wisdom of participation in this process and will plan for the future. By copy of this reply to Dr. Wilson and Mr. Engle, I will assure that you will be given plenty of lead time to allow participation in the 2001 administration of the examination process. I applaud your ongoing commitment to the specialty of Pain Medicine. All leaders in the specialty should also subscribe to the board certification process as a way of solidifying the knowledge base of the specialty and ensuring that the public can identify those who are not overly focused on merely one procedural aspect of pain management.

I have spoken with Bob Kaiko about your program and how impressed I am with your agenda. I have asked that time be scheduled to discuss the same with Robert Reder next week. I think it is best for Purdue to consider your request carefully and respond in a coordinated way that takes into account the various operating units within the company. I will do my best to shepherd your request in order to obtain a response.

Keep up the good work and stay the course. You are in a unique position to positively influence the lives of countless people. I am confident that the nation's health and welfare will be better because of your hard work, vision and dedication.

jdh

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Russell Portenoy MD [SMTP:RPortenoy@bethisraelny.org]

> Sent: Thursday, December 02, 1999 5:47 AM

> To: Dr.J.David.Haddox@pharma.com

> Subject: FW: The Clock is ticking, ticking, ticking -Reply

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> Dear Dave,

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> First, thanks just so very much for your help at the conference. From the
> informal reviews, I think that the audience thought that you were my plant
> and that we had rehearsed. Well, maybe this is true? Anyway, you were
> great, the case was perfect, and all those cute political agenda items
> that always are the subtext of every academic moment went just the way I

> had hoped.
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> Second, it's the bad news and the good news. I can't fit the February
> trip in and will not take the ABPM boards this time. But, you did it,
> finally, I soul-searched on the commute home and decided that you are
> right and that this is in the category of commitment to the discipline. I
> am nothing if not committed to the discipline. So I will take the exam
> and push it along to anyone else I can influence. I don't know where this
> will go during the next five years, but I wouldn't be surprised if ABPM
> becomes the "prestige" board (whether ABMS approved or not), while the
> ABA-ABNP-ABPMR becomes the "basic" board.
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> Hopefully, I will get the mailer for the exam after this.
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> Third and last, thanks also for keeping us in mind when you finally
> succeed in springing some funds for the absolutely critical work that has
> to be done by PF and others on the issues we talked about. Just
> yesterday, I was at a meeting of BMC bigwigs and told the story (again)
> of how PF helped change the world a decade ago in terms of cancer pain
> management (the head of the cancer center was there nodding vigorously).
> I told this story as part of an internal educational thing I was doing
> about the mechanics, ethics and so forth of industry-academic partnering.
> There is no question in my mind that this could happen again in these
> areas. If it does, I'm there if needed.
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> Speak to you soon.
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> Russ
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> >>> "Haddox, Dr. J. David" <Dr.J.David.Haddox@pharma.com> 11/30/99 08:17pm
> >>>
> I got your email wrong on the first try.
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> jdh
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> > -----Original Message-----
> > From: Haddox, Dr. J. David
> > Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 1999 8:15 PM
> > To: 'rportenoy@bethisrael.org'
> > Subject: The Clock is ticking, ticking, ticking
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> > Russ,
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> > It was good to see you today. I appreciate your letting me help out
> > with
> > the presentation.
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> > Regarding the ABPM examination, the clock is ticking.
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> > Professional examination theory recognizes two basic types of
> > examination:
> > Expert and competence examination. Ours is the latter, which means that
> > you would have no trouble achieving a passing score, even without study.
> > I just reviewed the final version for February and I can assure you,
> > barring any interceding traumatic brain injury, you have nothing to
> > worry

> > about. This goal of this examination is not to certify physicians as
> > experts, but rather to certify that they possess the requisite knowledge
> > to practice safe, effective and ethical pain medicine. Just as we
> talked
> > today, we are testing the core knowledge in the field, not the knowledge
> > of the subspecialist in pain management in anesthesiology, etc.
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> > Remember that the ABPN attempt to end-run the ABPM is utilizing an
> > examination that is owned and administered by the ABA to certify
> > neurologists, psychiatrists and physiatrists. I do not think this is
> good
> > for anyone.
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> > The field would benefit by your becoming certified. Once you had done
> so,
> > I feel certain that you, like I, would endorse and recommend the
> > examination process for all your trainees. Those of us who truly
> > practice pain medicine are in danger of losing our identity and being
> > swallowed up by our specialties of origin. You, as Chairman of the
> first
> > Pain Medicine and Palliative Care should set the standard by taking the
> > examination and being a vanguard for this certification of physicians and
> > the accreditation of training programs by the ABPM.
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> > Please give this matter careful consideration, not only on a personal
> > level, but on what it will mean for the future of our young, growing and
> > very needed calling.
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> > I'll get back in touch when I have had a chance to speak with the
> relevant
> > folks here about the issues we discussed.
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> > Take care,
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> > Dave
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